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WHAT MY CLUB WOULD LIKE TO DO FOR OUR COMMUNITY

A radio talk by Nellie Appling, 4-H Club girl, Fulton Co., Georgia, delivered in the National 4-H radio program, and broadcast by a network of 58 associate NBC radio stations, December 1, 1934.

Hello Georgia 4-H'ers and club folks all over America! How I wish it were possible for each of you members of our great organization to attend the 13th National 4-H Club Congress here in Chicago. What a fine time we are having to bether learning about the other states from the club members. It is a pleasure to tell about my own state and my community club down in Fulton County, Georgia.

The growth and influence of our club has been remarkable. We began as a very small band of five members, new in the work and easily discouraged. However, with the wonderful assistants of our County Home Demonstration Agent and our parents, we finished the years work. Each year our club grows in numbers as well as in interest. At present there are twenty-five members in the girls section of the Humphries Community Club and almost that many boys. Our business meetings are held together and also our socials, but our projects being different, are, of course, carried on separately.

I believe our club is really carrying out our motto "To Make The Best Better". This motto has inspired me during all of my eight years of club work. I try to make each year mean more to me, and to my community, than the one preceding it. It is a pleasure to me to help encourage the other club members in doing the very best type of club work of which they are capable. Sometimes a friendly word inspires a younger club member to greater effort.

"So much to do, so little done" expresses how we feel about our community club. But then you see we have such high aspirations for our community club. Right here I'd like to tell about a few of the things we have accomplished thru Club Work.

Our beautiful club house stands as a monument to our efforts. It is well equipped and we are so happy that we have such a good place to meet together. Our meetings come regularly each week with our sponsor or president, presiding. Here we work and play together. A social hour follows the meeting and demonstration by the Home Demonstration Agent, Sponsor or Club Girl. Parties are planned frequently too. The entire community comes and joins in the fun. Often we reach people thru wholesome recreation that we could never reach otherwise.

At first the boys had no club. We talked with them about it and soon they called on the County Agent to help them organize. Last year we combined the Boys and Girls 4-H Clubs into a Community Club. We find that it works much better this way. We are justly proud of our club charter. It makes me so very happy to know my name is down as a charter member.

Our club does not forget these less fortunate ones in our midst. We provide well filled baskets of groceries at Thanksgiving and Christmas for the poor. We repair and distribute toys to the little children who could not otherwise have play things at Christmas. If there could be another H in our 4-H Club it should mean Happiness, which comes thru serving others.

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Very often we plan activities to raise money for our club. There are so many things we plan and conduct - Halloween Festivals, Ice Cream Suppers, Cake Walks, Box Suppers, Measuring Parties, etc. But whatever we plan our Agent and Sponsor only help us. We are in charge of the different activities. We want to be real leaders, not merely followers. Our money is used to finance those girls in our club not able to buy necessary materials, to help the poor in our community, to equip our club house and to aid in securing a better library for our club and school.

Our community club hopes to continue its policy of making our community a better place in which to live. We feel that as 4-H Club leaders and members we must do our bit in promoting club work. We want to encourage all boys and girls of club age, to join a 4-H club for this splendid training will help them live more fully.

I deeply appreciate the honor bestowed on me in being awarded the Moses Leadership Trophy and will always hold high the banner of 4-H Club work.

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